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1. FOLLOWING ON DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GENERALS WILSON (AIRSOUTH) AND JOHNSON (CHMAAG, ROME), MISSION AGREES IT FEASIBLE BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN AIRSOUTH AND ITALIAN AIR FORCE/MOD LEADING TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES. THIS PROCESS CHOULD BE CARRIED OUT ON A INTRA-NATO, MILITARY/TO-MILITARY BASIS, IN EXPECTATION NO AMENDMENT TO THE BILATERAL INFRA-STRUCTURE AGREEMENT WILL BE INVOLVED. ABSENCE OF STATIONED PERSONNEL EXCEPT IN WAR TIME SHOULD MAKE A BIA AMENDMENT UNNECESSARY. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT NOW PREDICT WHAT ATTITUDE OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL BE WHEN MATTERS WORKS ITSELF TO THAT LEVEL.

2. MISSION CONTINUES TO STRESS NEED FOR CAUTION IN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE AT TIME WHEN ITALIAN SENSITIVITY CONTINUES HIGH TO POSSIBLE AUGMENTATION OF U.S. FORCES IN ITALY (PARTICULARLY IF THOUGHT TO REPRESENT EFFORT REPLACE GREEK FACILITIES). VOLPE

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